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SUBJECT: STUDENT PROTEST CONTINUES

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1. STUDENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY PICKED UP MARCH 31
WHEN ESTIMATED 1,000 - 1,500 KOREA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
CLASHED WITH POLICE DURING ATTEMPT TO MARCH OFF CAMPUS.
STUDENTS ENGAGED IN ROCK THROWING, WHILE POLICE USED
TEAR GAS. MEDIA REPORTS THAT PRIOR TO CONFRONTATION
STUDENTS MET AND PASSED "DECLARATION FOR NATIONAL
SALVATION" WHICH INCLUDED DEMANDS FOR:
END TO YUSHIN SYSTEM

PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TORTURE

FREEDOM OF CAMPUS

FREEDOM OF PRESS

RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS.
DECLARATION ALSO WARNED NORTH KOREA TO REFRAIN FROM
ATTEMPTS TO UTILIZE STUDENT MOVEMENTS.

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2. EDUCATION MINISTRY HAS SENT WRITTEN WARNING TO KOREA UNIVERSITY CALLING ON UNIVERSITY TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AND DEMANDING THAT UNIVERSITY TAKE "STERN MEASURES" AGAINST DEMONSTRATION LEADERS. MINISTRY SAID THIS TYPE ACTIVITY HARMS CAMPUS CLIMATE AND DISTURBS CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

3. IN OTHER UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT YONSEI BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTED MARCH 31 TO AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON EDUCATION MINISTER'S DEMAND THAT YONSEI PRESIDENT RESIGN. BOARD SOURCES REPORT THAT THIS IS PRIMARILY DELAYING TACTIC BUT ALSO DESIGNED TO AVOID DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT DEMAND IN PRESENCE PRO-GOVERNMENT BOARD MEMBER. IN MEANTIME MEDIA REPORTS 30 YONSEI STUDENT LEADERS SHAVED THEIR HEADS MARCH 31 AS GESTURE SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO REINSTATE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS CONVICTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES.
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